



Environmental Tidbits

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Announcements

Attention MBP3 Members – annual reporting forms are still available for 2007
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2-mbp3-performancemeasurements_189893_7.doc

MBP3 Partners (or others)

1. Looking for anyone who can use 18,000 lbs of t-mold in various colors?

Contact: Betsy Hernandez, Steelcase Inc.
616.247.3041

2. Looking for local contacts and information about the proper disposal procedures for:

Fluorescent tubes (we probably change out 25-100 per year)
HPS bulbs (200-300 every other year)
Metal halide bulbs (200-300 per year)

Contact: Jeff Spencer, MBP3
517.241.5719

If you have information or comments regarding "Informational Requests", please send them to Jeff Spencer, MBP3 Coordinator, at spencerj3@michigan.gov (unless otherwise indicated).

Environmental Awareness

Parks add green rest rooms

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080727/FEATURES01/807270484/1026/FEATURES01>

Options for State Chemicals Policy Reform: A Resource Guide

<http://www.chemicalspolicy.org/downloads/OptionsforStateChemicalsPolicyReform.pdf>

DOE Launches EnergySmart Hospitals Initiative

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/energysmarthospitals/>

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New Federal Funds Available for Wildlife Habitat

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10371_10402-196782--,00.html

Huron Pines – Conserving the Forests, Lakes and Streams of Northeast Michigan

<http://huronpines.org/>

Hydrogen Cars Will Need Multi-Billion Dollar Jumpstart, Experts Warn

<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/jul2008/2008-07-18-10.asp>

Rocky Mountain Institute's Solutions Journal

<http://www.rmi.org/sitepages/pid106.php>

Comprehensive Guide on Sustainable Management of Winery Water & Associated Energy

<http://www.wineinstitute.org/company/pressroom/07162008>

Greener Patios

<http://www.ucsusa.org/publications/greentips/>

The Metro Detroit Green Building Resource Directory

<http://www.warmtraining.org/ResDir/>

Product Stewardship Institute's Newsletter

<http://productstewardship.us/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=414>

Sustainable Life Media

<http://www.sustainablelifemedia.com/>

Energy & Climate Change

51 New Partners in EPA Voluntary Climate Leaders Program

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/C3E315ADDD642287852574900053F908>

Global Climate Change - Superior Watershed Partnership

<http://www.superiorwatersheds.org/projects.php?id=15>

Climate Ark - Climate Change and Global Warming Portal

<http://www.climateark.org/>

Climate Change and the Economy: Michigan: Assessing the Costs of Climate Change

<http://www.ncsl.org/print/enviro/ClimatechangeMI.pdf>

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25x'25 Vision – America's Energy Future

<http://www.25x25.org/>

Building Integrated Photovoltaic Markets-2008

http://www.nanomarkets.net/products/prod_detail.cfm?prod=9&id=269

Cool Climate Communication

<http://climatechangecommunication.org/forum.cfm>

Gore Urges Change to Dodge an Energy Crisis

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/18/washington/18gore.html?_r=1&th&emc=th&oref=slogin

Energy Star Programmable Thermostats

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=thermostats.pr_thermostats

The Million Lights Project

<http://www.millionlightsproject.org/>

Wind Energy in a Box

<http://www.mlive.com/news/chronicle/index.ssf?/base/news-14/1213798509132410.xml&coll=8>

Recycling and Resource Conservation

National Recycling Coalition Annual Conference September 21-24, 2008

<http://events.jspargo.com/nrc08/public/MainHall.aspx?ID=4565&sortMenu=101000&exp=7%2f8%2f2008+7%3a02%3a40+AM>

Marks & Spencer's Plastic Bag Fee Reduces Use, L.A. Passes Plastic Bag Ban

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2008/07/25/marks-spencers-plastic-bag-fee>

EcoMarkets 2008 Summary Report

<http://www.terrachoice.com/Home/Services/Research>

Water Quality & Conservation

Governors Applaud Congressional Introduction of Great Lakes Compact Resolution

<http://www.cglq.org/projects/water/docs/LettertoCongressionalleadsponsors7-23-08.pdf>

Footprints – MSU Office of Sustainability's Newsletter

http://www.ecofoot.msu.edu/footprints/fp7_2_08.html

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Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

27th Annual International Submerged Lands Management Conference

<http://www.submergedlands2008.com/>

Wind & Transmission 101 Workshop

<http://midwestern08.windworkshops.org/>

Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes Commission, Oct. 6-7 in Quebec City

<http://www.glc.org/meeting/>

Save the Date: LID Manual Workshops (Low Impact Development)

SEMCOG will be hosting 3 workshops across the state to introduce Michigan's new LID manual. We will send out brochures in the next month, but wanted to have people mark down the dates. The workshop will be free, but registration will be required.

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 - City of Novi Community Center

Friday, September 19, 2008 - Grand Valley State University

Friday, September 26, 2008 - Ramada Inn Grayling

Save the Date and Call for Presenters: Fourth Annual MiCorps Conference

October 20-21, 2008 - Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center - Higgins Lake, Michigan

<http://www.micorps.net/conference>

West Michigan Watershed Partners Forum - September 11, 2008

<http://www.wmsrdc.org/>

Sustainable Cities and Communities

http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/documents/gpc5260_SSC.pdf

Top 10 Invasives Workshop - Saturday, August 9: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Leslie Science & Nature Center

<http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/site/c.hrLOKWPILuF/b.1656641/>

Feedback

If you have not done so, please take a few moments to complete this short evaluation, thanks.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag_3d_3d

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